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FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED REVISED TEXT OF PAPER TRANSMITTED BY
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I. MAINTAIN MOROCCO'S ESSENTIALLY MODERATE, PRO-WESTERN
ORIENTATION ON REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES.
-- BUILD ON THE WARM PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP
ALREADY DEVELOPED WITH THE KING TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVE SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSION AND COORDINATION OF POSITIONS.
-- INSTILL IN THE KING AND HIS TOP MINISTERS A SENSE OF CONFIDENCE
IN THE CONTINUITY AND WISDOM OF CLOSE TIES WITH THE U.S. THROUGH
SUCH BILATERAL PROGRAMS AS AID, MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PEACE
CORPS, AND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE.
-- SUPPORT QUIETLY ANY EFFORTS BY THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED
TO SETTLE THE SAHARA CONFLICT WITHOUT BIG-POWER INVOLVEMENT.
-- INCREASE, THROUGH OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE, REPRESENTATIONAL
ACTIVITIES, AND PERSONAL CONTACT, U.S. INFLUENCE WITH THE
MILITARY OFFICER CORPS, THE GROUP MOST LIKELY TO PROVIDE
LEADERSHIP IF THE KING LEAVES THE SCENE.

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-- MAINTAIN AND CONTINUE TO EXPAND CONTACTS WITH POLITICAL PARTIES
AND OTHER CIVILIAN ELITES WITH AN EYE TO THE ONGOING EVOLUTION
IN THE GOM HIERARCHY, PARTICULARLY INCLUSION OF NEW POLITICAL
FIGURES IN THE GOVERNING PROCESS.

II. MAINTAIN U.S. STRATEGIC INTERESTS THROUGH IMPROVED
MILITARY/INTELLIGENCE RELATIONSHIP.

- ASSIST IN DEVELOPING A DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY THAT WILL MAKE MOROCCO BETTER ABLE TO DEFEND HERSELF AGAINST EXTERNAL THREATS.
- ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MILITARY FORCES CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SECURITY AGAINST EXTERNALLY BACKED GUERRILLA OR TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN MOROCCO.
- PROMOTE USAF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A DEEP SPACE SURVEILLANCE STATION IN MOROCCO THROUGH NEGOTIATING AN ARRANGEMENT MEETING MOROCCAN SENSITIVITIES AND USAF REQUIREMENTS.
- IMPROVE ON AND EXPAND THE EXISTING COOPERATION IN THE COLLECTION AND EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE.
- ENSURE THAT THE PHASEDOWN AND CLOSURE OF THE U.S. NAVY FACILITIES IN MOROCCO ARE HANDLED SMOOTHLY.
- ENCOURAGE CONTINUING MOROCCAN RECEPTIVENESS TO NAVAL PORT VISITS AND OTHER U.S. MILITARY REQUIREMENT AS OUR STRATEGIC NEEDS EVOLVE.

III. PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH, THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION, AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

- ENCOURAGE, BY A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH SENIOR GOM OFFICIALS AND BY OUR POSITIVE REACTIONS TO PAST STEPS, THE KING AND THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD FURTHER ON THEIR MOVES TO RETURN MOROCCO TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.
- ENCOURAGE RELEASE OF REMAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF POLITICAL AND NON-POLITICAL DETAINEES.
- ENCOURAGE AN INTENSIFIED MOROCCAN DIALOGUE WITH SUCH
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RESPECTED ORGANIZATIONS AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

- ENCOURAGE, DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, GOM SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES WHICH RESPOND TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS THROUGH RATIONALIZED PLANNING PROCESSES EXPANDED ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND COST-EFFECTIVE ALLOCATION OF HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES.

IV. PROMOTE U.S. ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN AN EXPANDING MARKET.

- SEEK TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS, AND PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ON-SITE ASSISTANCE TO U.S. TRADERS AND INVESTORS.
- ENCOURAGE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS TO REMOVE LEGAL OBSTACLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE HINDRANCES TO U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPERATIONS AND TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING TRADE AND INVESTMENT DISPUTES AND SEVERAL SMALL BUT LONGSTANDING EXPROPRIATION CASES.
- WORK TO OBTAIN U.S. AND MOROCCAN RATIFICATION OF DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY.

V. ENHANCE BILATERAL PUBLIC DIPLOMACY, ALONG WITH THE CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS WHICH THIS EFFORT PROMOTES.

- CONTINUE EFFORTS, IN THE WAKE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE "UNIQUE BICENTENNIAL" THEME IN 1977, TO MAKE THE RECENTLY FOUNDED

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF MOROCCAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS
(ASMAR) IN TANGIER A PRIME FOCAL POINT FOR OUR CULTURAL AND
SCHOLARLY INTERCHANGE.

-- ENCOURAGE STUDY PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. WHILE RATIONALIZING AND
IMPROVING ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING IN MOROCCO, THE LATTER TO
EMPHASIZE METHODOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
RATHER THAN DIRECTLY SPONSORED U.S. TEACHING ACTIVITY.
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